

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a multiphase aqueous cleansing composition for cleansing human skin and hair, which when agitated forms a single application phase, and when left standing, the composition rapidly returns to an appearance having at least two visibly distinct aqueous phases. The multiphase aqueous cleansing composition of the present invention provides an esthetically interesting and useful cleansing composition for use as a body wash, shower gel, foam bath or shampoo. The aqueous multiphase cleansing composition comprises: a surfactant comprising a surfactant or salt thereof; one or more co-surfactants; a humectant; and a salt, wherein the cleansing composition is essentially free of a thickener or a detergent builder.